GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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FALL IN EXPORT OF TEA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the countries importing tea from India have been insisting upon the exporters to reduce the price of different varieties of tea;

(b) the countries which are importing tea from India;

(c) the quantity of tea exported to them during the last two years and the foreign exchange earned therefrom; and

(d) the extent to which the export of tea has been affected as a result of the insistence of the tea importing countries for reducation in prices?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) Government is not aware of any such request by importing countries for reduction in prices of the different varieties of tea exported from India.

(b) There are more than 80 countries, which import tea from India. These include, Russia, Kazakhastan, United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates,s Germany, Iraq, Pak istan, Poland, Australia, USA, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Ireland and Netherlands.

(c) The quantity of India tea exported and the foreign exchange earned therefrom during the last two years, is as follows:

Year	Quantity(million kgs.)	Value(Rs. Crores)
2001-02	190.00	1695.79
2002-03	184.40	1665.04

(d) Does not arise.